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RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 23, 2002, Applicant requests entry of the following remarks. Applicant further requests a three-month extension of time to and including October 23, 2002 for filing of the RCE.

Priority

The Examiner has indicated that if Applicant desires to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) based on a previously-filed co-pending application, that specific reference to that earlier filed application must be made in the first sentence of the specification following the title.

The patent application as filed includes a paragraph on the first page immediately after the title, entitled "Related Applications" which lists the prior U.S. provisional patent application to which this application claims priority. Applicant requests further explanation if the Examiner

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